

REMARKS

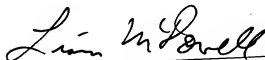
Responsive to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action of January 9, 2004, applicant elects Species a) Fig. 1 directed to Species #1.

It is believed that independent claims 90 and 98 are readable thereon and that claims 96, 104 and 106 which depend thereon also are readable on the elected embodiment. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests an action on the merits on claims 90, 96, 98, 104 and 106.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.\$1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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